

What is claimed is:

1. A body member of a powder container, comprising:
a bag-like powder storing body storing powder and
formed with an opening at one end; and

a base member affixed to said opening of said powder
storing body;

wherein said base member allows an outlet member,
which is formed with a passage configured to deliver the
powder from said powder storing body to an outlet and has
a shutter function for selectively blocking or unblocking
said passage, to be connected to or disconnected from said
base member.

2. The body member as claimed in claim 1, wherein
said base member comprises a powder passage that allows
the powder to flow therethrough, and said powder passage
has an opening area, as measured at an outlet adjacent to
said outlet member, larger than an opening area of said
outlet.

3. The body member as claimed in claim 1, wherein
said base member comprises a powder passage that allows
the powder to flow therethrough, and said powder passage
has an opening area, as measured in a plane perpendicular
to a direction of flow of said powder in said powder path,
decreasing from said opening of said powder storing member
toward said outlet member.

4. The body member as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base member is rectangular and includes a pair of side surfaces, which face each other, substantially parallel to a front and a rear surface of said powder storing body, and a width between a right and a left surface of said powder storing body is smaller than a width between said pair of side surfaces of said base member.

5. The body member as claimed in claim 1, wherein said powder storing body is formed of a flexible material.

6. The body member as claimed in claim 5, wherein said powder storing body comprises sheets constituting side surfaces when said base member is positioned at a bottom, and a sheet member constituting a top, and said sheets each are formed of a fold foldable inward.

7. The body member as claimed in claim 5, wherein said powder storing body comprises sheets constituting side surfaces when said base member is positioned at a bottom, and a sheet member constituting a top,

at least inner surfaces of said sheets, constituting the side surfaces and adjacent to said base member, are inclined toward said base member little by little, and

an angle between each of the inner surfaces and a horizontal plane is greater than an angle of repose of the powder when said powder is packed in said powder storing body.

8. A toner cartridge comprising:

- a bag-like toner storing body formed with an open portion at one end;

- a toner stored in said toner storing body;

- an outlet configured to discharge the toner from said toner storing body;

- an outlet member formed with a passage configured to deliver the toner from said powder storing member to an outlet and having a shutter function for selectively blocking or unblocking said passage; and

- a base member affixed to said open portion of said toner storing body and configured to be selectively connected to or disconnected from said outlet member.

9. A refillable toner cartridge comprising:

- a bag-like toner storing body formed with an open portion at one end;

- a refilled toner refilled in said toner storing body when said toner storing body is emptied at least one time;

- an outlet configured to discharge the refilled toner from said toner storing body;

- an outlet member formed with a passage configured to deliver the refilled toner from said powder storing member to an outlet and having a shutter function for selectively blocking or unblocking said passage; and

- a base member affixed to said open portion of said

toner storing body and configured to be selectively connected to or disconnected from said outlet member.